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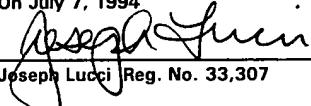
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed April 7, 1994, for the above-identified patent application, Applicants request that the following amendments be entered, without prejudice:

In the Specification:

Please delete the current Abstract and insert the following therefor:

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ABSTRACT

Compounds are provided containing purine nucleotides that bear moieties X at the 2' position thereof wherein X is R₁-(R₂)_n; R₁ is C₃-C₂₀ alkyl, C₄-C₂₀ alkenyl or C₂-C₂₀ alkynyl; R₂ is halogen, hydroxyl, thiol, keto, carboxyl, nitro, nitroso,

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